

# U.S. Bishops Report Progress

The Catholic Church in the United States kept pace with the nation's overall progress this year, American Bishops reported this week.

Gains were not spectacular but solid, they stated.

Their report on the U.S. Catholic Church was made at their annual meeting in Washington. Following is a summary of the NCWC News Service text:

**PRESS:** Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste of Belleville, Ill., chairman of the department, stated that the top news items of the year included a new Pope, the death of Pius XII, announcement of an Ecumenical Council, the naming of 23 new cardinals, and the concerted efforts of the American bishops to aid Latin America and Cuba.

Four new diocesan newspapers were founded during the year, the report said. It added that the circulation of U.S. Catholic newspapers and magazines stood at a record 24,273, 872.

**LEGAL:** Further efforts in behalf of Federal aid for education can be expected in the future, according to the report by Bishop Emmett M. Walsh of Youngstown. The department chairman also said that there was much litigation in the Church-State area. This involved school bus transportation, hospitals operated by religious, free textbooks, released time programs, prayers in public schools, urban renewal and Sunday observance laws.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Bishop Christopher J. Weldon of Springfield, Mass., reported that efforts were underway toward organizing marriage counseling courses in diocesan seminaries and family education courses in Catholic schools. He also pointed out that diocesan directors of the bureau will be divided in 25 regions, rather than the present 11, to correspond with existing ecclesiastical provinces.

**HEALTH AND HOSPITALS:** The care of the aged is one of the most pressing problems of the bureau, according to its chairman, Bishop William A. O'Connor of Springfield, Ill. The bishop also warned against "a new campaign to introduce 'social medicine' in our country. He said that Canada has adopted a 'modified version of the British compulsory health insurance plan."

**EDUCATION:** Opposition to federal encroachment in another field was emphasized by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Chicago, chairman of this department when he reported proposals for the use of Federal funds for teachers' salaries. He also emphasized the claims of nonprofit schools to that "measure of justice permitted by law and suggested legislative precedent." According to the report the department had brought 96 students to the United States for a one-year visit under the International High School Student Program.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The report of the National Catholic Community Service stressed the vital obligation of providing "a home away from home" for thousands of servicemen in the nation's armed forces. 8,500 volunteers provided some 80,000 hours of service per month during the past year. There are 215 full-time employees serving the NCSS in various parts of the world.

**UN AFFAIRS:** The special responsibility of U.S. Catholics to participate in U.N. activities was stressed in the annual report of this department.

**CATHOLIC NURSES:** Membership reached a total of 21,000 in 101 dioceses, according to this report. The increase in the number of men members was stressed.

**INFORMATION BUREAU:** The bureau reported that it had increased its activities in large measure during the year. It also noted that it had sponsored a week-long seminar on public relations for diocesan directors, publicity directors for Catholic institutions and religious communities.

**CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE:** The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine reported progress in the translation of the Bible. Several sections of the new CCD version, including revised New Testament books, have been completed, and are being prepared by the late Bishop Martho Brady of Manchester, N.H., who died in September.

**DECENT LITERATURE:** Increased public awareness of the menace of seditious literature was spotlighted in the report of this department. A growing number of civic groups were cooperating in trying to halt traffic in obscenity, the report noted. It added, however, that a liberal trend in court decisions made the work more difficult.

**MILITARY:** This report highlighted the fact that although the U.S. Army has authorized 375 Catholic chaplains, the actual number stands at only 309. It also noted that service personnel donated \$24,160.36 to the support of schools, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions as well as an additional \$77,460 to the mission.



## Dr. Dooley At Laos Hospital

Moong Srag, Laos — (RNS) — Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, currently on a U.S. fund-raising tour, is shown with young patients outside his hospital in Moong Srag, Laos. The 33-year-old physician, who has become known as America's "medical ambassador" to the Far East, was most recently honored with the \$10,000 Mutual of Omaha Criss Award. Pharmaceutical companies have given almost \$2 million worth of drugs to the Medical International Cooperation Organization which Dr. Dooley helped establish and individuals have contributed some \$300,000 to the jungle physician's efforts to provide better medical care to underprivileged nations.

## Rockefeller Says

# Bigotry On Wane In U.S.

New York — (RNS) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said here today that John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts should receive the Democratic nomination for President. "It will be neither because of his religion or in spite of his religion, but because he is an attractive, popular and useful public servant."

The Republican governor, who may oppose Sen. Kennedy for the Presidency in 1960, said he was alluding to the Democrats' possible candidacy "in no political context," but as a "landmark of a growing maturity that serves the cause of human brotherhood and equal opportunity — and for this, I acclaim."

Gov. Rockefeller suggested that a "Bill of Responsibilities" Rockefeller asserted, "more progress has been made against racial and religious discrimination since President Eisenhower (Republican) have stood like a rock against racial or religious intolerance."

He told some 700 guests that racial and religious discrimination was decreasing in this country. He recalled that in 1928 when Gov. Al Smith, a Catholic, ran for President he was "beset by religious intolerance."

Today, however, he continued, "the line of color and creed is fading. It is a potential candidate for the Presidency who appears to be of the same religious faith as Al Smith."

It was then that Gov. Rockefeller, obviously referring to Sen. Kennedy, stressed that if the Massachusetts senator were nominated it would not be because of his religion, or in spite of it.

As another "great landmark" of our times, the governor cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision against racial segregation in public schools.

"I regard that decision," he declared, "as a necessary and historic affirmation and clarification of the essential liberties and the abiding principles by which America must live."

He held the ruling as accelerating "social evolution in broad areas of our land," adding that the "overwhelming body of American opinion is behind the decision" even if it has been resisted in some areas.

There are many other signs that the cause of brotherhood "is on the march" in America, Gov. Rockefeller continued. In New York for instance, he said,

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## Windy City Sets Morals Clean Up

Chicago — (NC) — A crusade for better public morals and against obscene literature, movies featuring bloodshed, and crime programs on television has been advocated by Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago.

The Mayor's appeal came after a series of articles in the New World, newspaper of the Chicago Archdiocese, pinpointed crime centers in the city.

**THE MAYOR** advocated the crusade while reviewing his \$715 million public improvement program at the annual dinner of the Better Business Bureau.

He called the five-year program to renew the city physically a blueprint of a plan on which the greater Chicago of tomorrow will be built. Then he urged residents of Chicago to rally against forces which are contaminating the minds of youth.

He told some 1,100 people at the dinner: "We must give our utmost attention and effort to make sure that the morals and outlook of youth stem from a strong and healthy civic attitude and moral responsibility."

"We are concerned with the influence on our public attitudes by the widespread distribution of obscene literature and types of advertising promotion

## Rosary Drive In Manila

Manila — (RNS) — A Family Rosary campaign was launched among the more than three million Catholics of the Manila archdiocese by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., of Albany, founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade.

The Irish-born priest, who has conducted prayer crusades in countries around the world, is being assisted in his latest campaign — said to be his biggest ever — by more than 600 priests, as well as by 1,400 Brothers and Sisters.



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